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SUBJ: JAPAN ASKED TO EXPAND IMPORTS OF THAI GOODS AND TO CURB
EXPORTS TO THAILAND

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES RTG FOREIGN MINISTER UPADIT,
ALONG WITH OTHER SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS, MET WITH JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR HITOMI AND REQUESTED THAT JAPAN EXPAND ITS PURCHASES
OF THAI GOODS BEYOND RAW MATERIALS. THEIR LIST INCLUDED
TAPIOCA FLOUR, FROZEN BEEF, CANNED PINEAPPLE, FLUORITE,
ORCHIDS AND OTHER FLOWERS. ADDITIONALLY, JAPAN WAS ASKED TO
IMPOSE RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS TO THAILAND SIMILARLY AS JAPAN
HAS DONE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. AMBASSADOR HITOMI INFORMED
THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
THE THAI BOARD OF TRADE ARE FORMING A JOINT COMMITTEE TO FIND
WAYS OF IMPROVING THAILAND'S HEAVY TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN.
THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP WILL BE HELD THE FIRST WEEK
IN FEBRUARY.

2. COMMENT: THE RTG HAS BEEN BUILDING UP STEAM FOR THE PAST
SEVERAL WEEKS NOW TO TAKE SPECIFIC STEPS TO COMBAT ITS
WIDENING TRADE DEFICIT. ALTHOUGH RTG OFFICIALS HAVE
BEEN RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THEIR PLANS IN THIS REGARD
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FOR FEAR OF BENEFITTING SPECULATORS, LUXURY CONSUMER
DURABLES WERE KNOWN TO BE HIGH ON THEIR LIST. HENCE,
JAPAN, WHICH DOMINATES THAT MARKET, WAS THE LOGICAL FIRST
TARGET.
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